

August 31, 2012

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Dear Mr. Ruben:

With the help of an EJA Fellowship, I worked this summer as a Student Attorney at the University of Michigan Human Trafficking Clinic (HTC). My experience at HTC was rewarding and inspiring, as well as an incredible learning experience.

At HTC, I was responsible for five clients, each of whom was a survivor of human trafficking. I worked to help my clients on a variety of issues, from immigration questions to applying for benefits to trying to get documents from a foreign country. My time at HTC showed me the complexity of the issues facing human trafficking survivors, and allowed me to be a voice for my clients, who had already been through an incredible amount.

My summer was full of so many great moments, moments that solidified my desire to pursue a career doing public interest work. For me, getting to know the clients and realizing that I was making a real difference in their lives was the best part of the job. I had one client that I worked with throughout the summer to develop her T-visa application. During one of my last weeks at HTC, she sent me a text late one night letting me know she had had a healthy baby girl. I knew that the work I had been doing all summer would help allow her to raise her daughter in the United States, with opportunities not available in her home country.

Another great aspect of working at HTC is the chance to work with service providers in the community to help your clients rebuild their lives. Sometimes, this meant educating people about human trafficking, which is a fairly new field in immigration law. I was able to help my clients navigate the complex field of public benefits, and educate providers on why my clients were eligible for benefits. This chance to help my clients with their immediate needs, not just the long-term goal of immigration relief, as well as be a resource to service providers, really added to my time at HTC.

In short, this summer was an incredible experience that I will never forget. I had an interest in working on human trafficking issues after law school, and this summer at HTC solidified that desire. The chance to work directly with survivors and learn from an incredible staff is not one many people get to have, and I thank everyone who makes EJA Fellowships possible for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Re: End of Summer Evaluation of Bridgette McMahon

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to evaluate Bridgette McMahon, a law student intern, who received a Summer 2012 Equal Justice America fellowship. Thank you very much for funding Bridgette, as she was an enormous asset to the clinic this summer. She did an excellent job representing her clients, served as a leader for the other summer interns, and it was a true pleasure to work with her.

Bridgette completed the required ten weeks of work and all requested tasks. During the summer, Bridgette met directly with clients, completed the bulk of a visa petition to be sent to United States Customs and Immigration Services, attended a statewide human trafficking prevention taskforce meeting, and collaborated with other student attorneys in developing case strategies. Bridgette was always reliable, diligent, and enthusiastic.

Again, I appreciate the funding provided to Bridgette for her work this summer. I can only hope that future summer interns are as wonderful as Bridgette.

Kind Regards,

Elizabeth Campbell
Supervising Attorney